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ANSWER OF WORLDSPAN, L.P.

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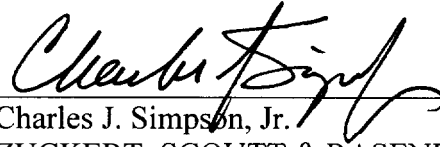
Worldspan, L.P. (“Worldspan”) hereby answers in opposition to the petition of Sabre et al. for a 60 day extension of the period in which to file comments on the Department’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) and an additional 30 day extension of the period for filing reply comments. The requested extensions are excessive and unsupported. The issues raised in the NPRM have been addressed in multiple comments filed by numerous parties in this rulemaking docket and other dockets over the past several years. The parties should not need another set of comment periods totaling six months, as requested by the petitioners, in order to finalize and articulate their positions on these issues. Other than broad assertions about the need for time to review the “voluminous record in this proceeding,” the petitioners have offered no support for their significant request.

Worldspan also opposes the petitioners’ request for a six-month extension of the Part 255 sunset date, which the petitioners request in order to accommodate the requested extensions of the comment periods. Given that the petitioners have not supported their request to extend the comment periods, they have likewise failed to support their request to extend the sunset date.

Answer of Worldspan

The existing sunset date should provide a time frame for the efficient conclusion of this rulemaking proceeding. If in the weeks ahead the Department should determine that it needs some additional time after the current March 31, 2003 sunset date in order to issue a final rule, the Department can propose an appropriate extension at that time. There is no need or justification for the significant extension requested by the petitioners at this time,

Respectfully submitted,

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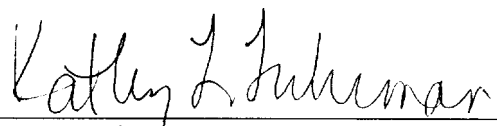
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